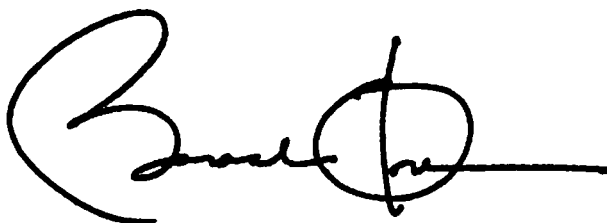


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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to section 2(b)(2) of the Don't Ask, Don't Tell Repeal Act of 2010 (the "Act") Public Law 111-321, 10 U.S.C. 654 note, I hereby transmit the attached certification required by the Act.

Sincerely,

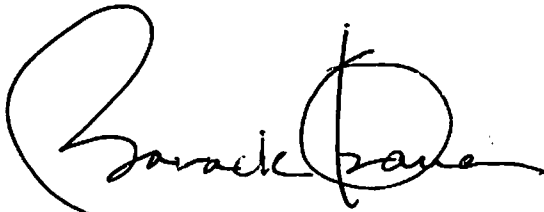
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The Honorable Carl Levin  
Chairman  
Committee on Armed Services  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

## CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to section 2(b)(2) of the Don't Ask, Don't Tell Repeal Act of 2010, Public Law 111-321 (10 U.S.C. 654 note) (the "Act"), we hereby certify the following:

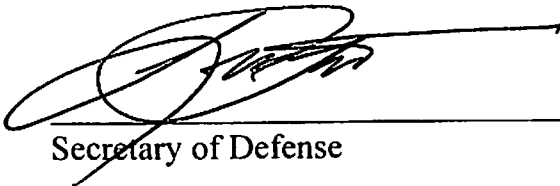
- (1) That we have considered the recommendations contained in the report required by the memorandum of the Secretary of Defense referred to in section 2(a) of the Act, namely, the Report of the Comprehensive Review of the Issues Associated with a Repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," and the Report's proposed plan of action.
- (2) That the Department of Defense has prepared the necessary policies and regulations to exercise the discretion provided by the amendments made by section 2(f) of the Act.
- (3) That the implementation of the necessary policies and regulations pursuant to the discretion provided by the amendments made by section 2(f) of the Act is consistent with the standards of military readiness, military effectiveness, unit cohesion, and recruiting and retention of the Armed Forces.



President of the United States

22 July 2011

Date



Secretary of Defense

July 21, 2011

Date



Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

21 July 2011

Date